(c) and (d) The following efforts have been made to raise the production capacity of Salem Steel Plant:

(i) Phase-II of Salem Steel Plant has been commissioned on 26-3-1991 to increase the production capacity to 65000 tonnes of cold rolled stainless steel.

(ii) As a measure of backward integration Phase-HI of Salem Steel Plant (Hot Rolled Steckel > Mill) is scheduled to be commissioned in April, 1995 with a Built-in-capacity to produce 2,00,000 tonnes of Hot Rolled Coil.

(iii) Blanking line has also been set up at Salem Steel Plant in December, 1993 with a capacity to product 3000 tonnes of blanks.

स्पंज लोहे की उत्पादन लागत

2883. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :
श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने स्पंज लोहे की उत्पादन लागत का तुलनात्मक अध्ययन नहीं करवाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) स्पंज लोहे की स्वदेशी उत्पादन लागत को स्थिर रखने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) :(क) और (ख) स्पंज लोहा उत्पादक इकाइयां मुख्य रूप से निजी क्षेत्र में हैं। स्पंज लोहे की उत्पादन लागत विभिन्न घटकों जैसे स्थान, प्रौद्योगिकी, कच्चे माल की क्वालिटी आदि पर निर्भर करती है। वाणिज्यिक हितों के कारण इकाइयों द्वारा उत्पादन के आंकड़े सामान्यतया गुप्त रखे जाते हैं। तथापि, उल्लेखनीय है कि औद्योगिक लागत तथा मूल्य ब्यूरो ने बताया है कि भारतीय स्पंज लोहा उद्योग अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय रूप से प्रतिस्पर्धी है।

(ग) भारतीय स्पंज लोहा उद्योग को राहत देने के लिए सरकार ने 1994-95 के बजट में लौह अयस्क पैलेटों पर सीमा शुल्क 15% से घटाकर 10% और अकोकर कोयले पर 5 8 % से घटाकर 35 1% कर दिया है। 26-4-1994 से लौह अयस्क पैलेटों पर से सीमा शुल्क को और अधिक घटाकर 5% कर दिया गया।

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Applications for the Post of Stenographers in DDA

2884. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority (D.DA.) had called for applications sometime in the past for the post of Stenographers;

(b) whether D.D.A. had collected examination fee for the said purpose from the applicants;

(c) whether D.D.A. has neither held any examination nor refunded the examination fee to the applicants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what further action D.D.A. propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. DDA has reported that candidates were required to send Postal Order for Rs. 20 in favour of the Delhi Development Authority, being processing charges.

(c) and (d) It is not correct that the examination of candidates was not held. In fact, stenperaphy/typing tests of the short-listed eligible candidates were held on 21-3-1993 and 9th & 10th luly, 1994 and successful candidates were recruited, keeping in view the reservation policy of the Government.

Purchase and Procurement of Flowers

2885. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure followed in *the* purchase and procurement of flowers, decorative material on the visit of foreign dignitaries and to decorate the Samadhis of "national leaders" on their birth and death anniversaries;

(b) whether there is any proposal to award these works to the contractors to effect saving in Government expenditure;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof;

(d) the procedure followed in the purchase of plants, saplings, manures, earth, pots, shrubs etc. by the Horticulture wings of Central Public Works Department and Delhi Development Authority;

(e) whether the laid down procedures are followed strictly;

(f) the number of complaints received in regard to the irregularities committed in the purchase of said items and the action taken thereon; and

(g) the amount spent in each of the last three years; item-wise and year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Flowers are purchased by way of call of quotations/ spot quotations/tenders.

(b) No, Sir. However, flowers & plants required for decoration are purchased through contractors.

(c) It is not practicable to entrust the work to contractors in view of various factors including considerations of security, short notice and the highly skilled nature of the job required to be performed.

(d) The Central Public Works Department purchases flowers and other materials such as pots, good earth, manure etc. through c*ll of tenders or quotations depending on the time available and the requirements for each occasions. The Delhi Development Authority purchases flowers and other materials generally through call of tenders after giving wide publicity. However, in emergent cases, materials are purchased from the permanent imprest available with the Sub-Division and by placing supply orders/work orders. __™«_

(e) The prescribed procedure are being followed strictly.

(f) No complaint has been received so far.

(g) Thi Delhi Development Authority is not maintaining any of the Samadhis of national leaders or incurring expenditure in connection with decoration on the visits of various dignitaries. The Central PVVD has incurred expenditure for these purposes as indicated below:—

Year	Purchase of flowers (Rupees)	Purchase of pots manure, good earth, plants etc. (Rupees)
1991—92 . .	526721	1737253
1992—93 . .	625655	1938924
1993—94 . .	712475	2064839

सरकारी क्वार्टरों को किराये पर देने के संबंध में जांच

2886. श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार नई दिल्ली में नानकपुरा और साकेत में सरकारी क्वार्टरों को किराये पर देने के मामलों की जांच करवाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० के० थुंगन) : (क) और (ख) उप-किरायेदारी का पता लगाने के लिए सरकारी निवासों की आकस्मिक जांच विशेष शिकायतों के आधार पर की जाती है । गत तीन महीनों के दौरान नानकपुरा और साकेत में जांच की गयी और परिणाम इस प्रकार हैं :—

कालोनी का नाम	जांच किये गये क्वार्टरों की संख्या	पता लगाये गये उपकिरायेदारी वाले मामलों की संख्या
नानक पुरा .	21	12
साकेत . .	101	46

Unauthorised Occupation of Public Land

2887. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some persons have unauthorisedly occupied the public land of Government plots and roads in Village Mochi Bagh, New Delhi-21; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not vacating their occupation from the said Government land and also for not lodging criminal cases against the guilty persons ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) have reported that village Mochi Bagh was transferred to MCD from DDA on 14-4-87 alongwith the encroached land. MCD have issued instructions to the concerned departments for taking immediate action in the matter.

Assistance to Sewage Disposal Scheme in Gujarat

2888. SHRI GOPALS1NH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from the Govern ment of Gujarat regarding assistance to sewage disposal scheme in the major cities in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT rSHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) In December. 1993 the Government of